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The amendment filed on 6-28-04 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are newly drawn to, "A method of identifying a compound that modulates binding of SAA (serum amyloid A) to FPRL1 (formyl peptide receptor-like 1 receptor comprising: (a) providing a test compound that is a peptide, peptidomimetic, or chemical; (b) contacting a cell that expresses a FPRL1 receptor with the test compound in the presence of SAA; and (c) measuring binding of SAA to said FPRL1 receptor, so that a compound that modulates binding of SAA to said FPRL1 receptor is identified," whereas the previously elected and examined claim was drawn to, "A method of making a pharmaceutical product comprising: providing a peptide agent having a sequence corresponding to Serum amyloid A (SAA) or FPRL1, or conservative variants or functional fragments thereof; providing a cell having a molecule of FPRL1 that interacts with the peptide agent; contacting the peptide agent with the cell under conditions that allow the peptide agent to interact with the FPRL1 molecule on the cell; identifying the presence or absence of signal transduction generated in response to the interaction of the peptide agent with the FPRL1 molecule; and incorporating the peptide into the pharmaceutical product."

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.


Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this general application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Papers relating to this application may be submitted to Technology Center 1600, Group 1640 by facsimile transmission. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). Should applicant wish to FAX a response, the current FAX number for Group 1600 is (703) 872-9306.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sharon L. Turner, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0894. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback can be reached at (571) 272-0961.

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